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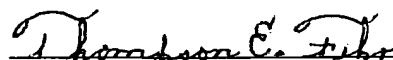
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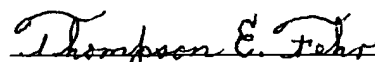
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TRANSMITTAL OF APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF (37 CFR 41.41)

Transmitted herewith is Appellant's Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer, the original of which was mailed on September 5, 2008, and an amended version of which was mailed on September 22, 2008.

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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 through 4 have been canceled.

Claims 5 through 8 have been rejected.

Claims 5 through 8 are being appealed.

GROUND OF REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

The Examiner has rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Morgan et al. (United States patent no. 6,802,519).

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan in view of Hopey (United States patent no. 6,145,637).

And claims 5 through 8 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gustafsson (United States patent no. 4,773,514) in view of Morgan et al.

ARGUMENT

Claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Appellant hereby incorporates by reference the argument under this heading in Appellant's Revised Amended Brief, which was filed on April 8, 2008.

Appellant, furthermore, respectfully observes that the Examiner, in responding to this particular argument has completely failed to consider the doctrine of claim differentiation.

Claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Morgan et al. in View of Hopey

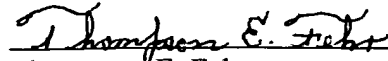
Appellant hereby incorporates by reference the argument under this heading in Appellant's Revised Amended Brief, which was filed on April 8, 2008.

Claims 7 and 8 have the same relationship to one another as do claims 5 and 6 to each other. Consequently, under the doctrine of claim differentiation, the first clamp and the second clamp could not be connected to the housing through the triple clamp.

Additionally, Appellant respectfully notes that, on page 6 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner has stated, "Nothing in the claim language precludes the clamps from being attached to the housing indirectly by way of the triple clamp."

Again, Appellant must respectfully indicate that the Examiner, in responding to this particular argument has completely failed to consider the doctrine of claim differentiation.

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